

City of Woodburn

Recreation and Park Board Minutes

November 9, 2010 • 6:30 p.m.



1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

Rosetta Wangerin; Board Chair was absent, Joseph Nicoletti; Board Secretary conducted the meeting.

2. ROLL CALL

Position I Zandi Cox, Member (12/10)	Present
Position II (Student) vacant	
Position III Joseph Nicoletti, Board Secretary (12/13)	Present
Position IV Rosetta Wangerin, Board Chair (12/13)	Absent
Position V Bruce Thomas, Member (12/13)	Present (6:55pm)
Position VI Cheryl Shepherd, Member (12/11)	Absent
Position VII vacant	

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JULY 13, 2010

Zandi Cox/Bruce Thomas - Motion to accept the minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 12, 2010

Bruce Thomas/Zandi Cox - Motion to accept the minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

4. BUSINESS FROM AUDIENCE

None.

5. OLD BUSINESS

Mill Creek Greenway update

Jim reported that work will begin laying the crushed-rock pathway from south of Wilson Street to Deer Run. This pathway from Wilson to the pond will be elevated, contained by a 6 inch log barrier that will hold four inches of base rock and two inches of crusher fines on top. Discussion took place on the grant extension deadline of December 15th and Jim shared that, because of the winter weather approaching, some of the finish work from Deer Run around the pond will be finished in the spring.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Wyffels Trail Project

Jim displayed a PowerPoint slide of the proposed concept trail from Lincoln to Hardcastle following along-side Mill Creek. He reported that the ODOT Readiness Initiative Grant withdrew their recommendation that was initially approved in March, because they believed that it would be difficult for the City to move the project to a "shovel ready" state in time required. Public Works is

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now applying for an ODOT Flexible Funds Program Grant and asked the Board to approve a letter of support. This grant will provide funding for concept drawings and construction of the entire project. He also shared that the Land & Water Conservation Grant which will replace the playground equipment at Wyffels Park is still in the compliance review process through the National Park Service.

Bruce Thomas/Zandi Cox - Motion to approve the letter of support as written giving the Board Chair authority to sign it. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **DIVISION REPORTS FROM THE DEPARTMENT**

Aquatics – Debbie Wadleigh

Water Polo – Water polo season is coming to a close opening up opportunities for the high schools swim teams to begin.

Barracuda Swim Team – Woodburn Barracuda Swim meet is November 20 & 21, 2010 and the swim center will be closed.

Open Swim -

Swimming Lessons – Fourth grade swim lessons are progressing well. Debbie is planning to thank to Woodburn Together for funding this program. Evening group swim lessons are full right now, but Debbie shared that there is one more session beginning the Monday after Thanksgiving.

Closures – The center will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, but will open Friday from 1:00 – 5:00pm.

Memberships – November 15th is the last day to get 15% off memberships.

Recreation – Stu Spence

Youth Sports – a successful youth soccer season has concluded. Pee Wee basketball has begun with 6 teams, 36 kids playing.

Adult Sports – Co-Ed Volleyball is up and running. This is a new program for us and we have 4 teams of 6 players. Stu is looking forward to building this program in the future.

Youth Advisory Board – The Youth Advisory President, and Vice President and Kate Schedler, Coordinator will attend a national youth leadership conference Thursday – Sunday.

Boys & Girls Club – Salem Boys and Girls Club has hired Allison Weaver, our new full time Woodburn Boys & Girls Club Director. Allison comes from one of the Salem clubs and will be in charge of fundraising, marketing and managing the Teen Center.

Mayor Tree Lighting – Stu is currently planning the Mayor's Tree Lighting ceremony be held on Sunday, December 5, 2010. The tradition to start at Settlemier House at 5:30pm to light the Settlemier House tree and sing carols then parade to the Downtown Plaza to light the Downtown Plaza Christmas tree. Entertainment and refreshments will be provided along with a special appearance from Santa.

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Stu reported that the Downtown Treat or Treating was a great success with over 100 kids participating. He gave thanks to Robyn Stowers for helping getting the downtown businesses involved.

Parks and Facilities – Jim Row

Introduction – Robyn Stowers

Jim introduced Robyn Stowers, Community Relations Officer hired late July. Robyn gave a brief explanation of her goals: connect with downtown business owners, provide a bi-lingual resource making city services more accessible to non-English residents. She is coordinating a Main Street Program for Woodburn and is also responsible for planning downtown events.

Centennial Park Dedication

The official grand opening of the Dog Park and Centennial Park Dedication was held on Saturday, October 23 at 12:00pm. Jim showed a draft video clip, produced by Evan Thomas that showed the various activities during the dedication. The video clip, when finalized will be placed on the city web-site. He shared that the park was full of activity that morning with soccer fields full of kids, as it was the final game of youth soccer and the parking lot full with cars also parking along the side Parr Rd.

8. FUTURE BOARD BUSINESS

January annual goal setting workshop

9. BOARD COMMENTS

Zandi Cox

Zandi asked when the vacant board positions would be filled. Jim stated that he would check with the Mayor.

Zandi asked about how Measure 76 passing would help our department. Jim explained the history behind the Measure 66 passed in 1998 was a temporary funding source and how Measure 76 would insure a permanent funding source, 15% of Oregon Lottery Revenue for Parks and Wildlife. This funding stream provides the majority of the Oregon State Parks budget, while also finding the Local Government Grant Program. Just recently, this grant program provided \$710,000 toward the Mill Creek Greenway Phase I and Centennial Park projects..

Bruce Thomas

Bruce would like to see a Wi-Fi system at Centennial Park.

Bruce would like to see basketball courts in every city of Woodburn park. Discussion took place on placing basketball courts in city parks and how funding and suitable locations would be issues. The decision was made to talk about this during the annual workshop.

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Joseph Nicoletti

Joseph requested that an article be written in the Park and Recreation magazine showcasing Centennial Park. Jim agreed to look into that, and also would like to consider applying for an award through the Oregon Recreation and Parks Association, which are given out annually at the conference in the fall.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment was 7:30pm

Joseph Nicoletti, Board Secretary

Date _____

Paulette Zastoupil, Recording Secretary

Date _____